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## POLITICAL POINTS.

In the Seventh District the democratic committee has been called to meet June 15 to call a Congressional convention or primary.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, has made a poll of the republicans of the House and finds 189 of them for the annexation of Hawaii.

Senator Lindsay made a two hours speech against the proposed corporation feature of the revenue bill and against the legal tender issue.

The Eleventh District Congressional Committee will meet at London, June 14, to decide upon the method of selecting the Congressional nominee, and the time.

J. H. Davidson, of Somerset, brother of the superintendent of public instruction, has been appointed chief clerk in his office. Eli Farmer recently had the place, but was compelled to give it up on account of illness. The job pays \$1,800.

Senator Deboe has finally determined that ex-Congressman John H. Wilson, of the Eleventh district, shall be assistant district attorney, and it is said the appointment will be made this week, says a Washington dispatch. Wilson a week or two ago as good as told us he had the place nailed down.

Election Commissioner Poyntz says: "It is the determination of Judge Pryor, Mr. Ellis and myself to appoint none but thoroughly reliable men upon the county boards and to give to the people a fair election. We shall certainly do all within our power to produce that result, and it is only those who prefer otherwise that are disturbed over the new election law."

Jerry Sullivan, ex-county attorney of Madison, said to an Enquirer reporter: "It is my impression that ex-Gov. McCreary will be the nominee. He is very sanguine. He desires a primary election. The district convention meets at Lawrenceburg, June 1, to determine whether it shall be a primary or convention. In any event we are confident that McCreary will win."

## MIDDLEBURG.

Senator George T. Farris was in town last week.

James M. Hart has been appointed postmaster at Berea.

Assessor-elect James H. Thomas is seriously ill with lung trouble.

Artemus Brock, aged 20 years, dropped dead while hoeing corn in Bell county.

Wheat never looked better than at present. Farmers are complaining of too much rain for their business.

Rev. Thomas Wilkinson, colored, tells us that this county has only one colored school teacher, and one colored Baptist preacher, and that he is that one.

Our people regret the burning out of the Wollen Mill at Phil. It was the only factory of the kind in the county.

Drs. W. T. Garner and W. L. Lowder met on the 17th inst. and amputated John Delk's foot at the instep. Rev. Gillum, who used to be an M. D. before he got to be a D. D., assisted them, and was quite handy at the business. Mr. Delk is getting along splendidly since the operation.

W. C. Bryant has made two attempts to enlist in the war against Spain, but something stood in his way each time. The first time his heart failed him on reaching Lexington and he returned here to meet the ridicule of his associates, which was more than he could stand, and he retraced his steps and offered his services, but was rejected on account of defective eyesight. He is now at home, where he will probably remain until Uncle Sam forces him out by draft.

## McKINNEY.

Probably 300 people assembled at the depot here Wednesday to give the Kentucky troops a greeting as they went by. A large flag waved them on their way.

F. M. Ware has returned from a six weeks stay at the Joseph Price Infirmary in Stanford. Mrs. Lizzie Gooch, of Kingsville, is visiting her son, Willie, section foreman on the C. S. here. Miss Fannie Davidson, of Somerset, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charley Crow. R. W. Walker, wife and baby came down from High Bridge and spent a couple of days with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith are rejoicing over their first born—a girl, who put in her tiny appearance and demanded support there last week.

Miss Dorothy Mauer, a pretty young woman, secured an ax and chopped to pieces a number of groups of Cupids, which decorated the Fine Arts Buildings of the Exposition at Omaha, because she said their nudity was a shock to modest femininity.

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## MT. VERNON.

A FEW ITEMS PICKED UP BY AN I. J. MAN WHILE THERE.

The weather was so good for farming that hardly the average crowd attended circuit court at Mt. Vernon Monday, but what was lacking in number was made up in soberness and good behavior. Judge R. G. Williams is very much after the order of our own "Pizen" Coffey, and what he has done for the whisky sellers since he took charge of the county judge's office has been sufficient to make it "monstrous hard to buy the stuff," as an old toper remarked to me during the day. Not until late in the afternoon was there any drunkenness at all and then only a few of the boys showed the effect of too much juice.

As stated in our last issue, the criminal docket is a big one this court and the term will last two weeks or more. Twelve men are to be tried for murder and it does look like at least one hanging might be gotten out of that number. It has been 20-odd years since Rockcastle has had a legal rope stretching and her heavy criminal docket is proof conclusive that she needs one now and needs it badly. It is thought that most of the murder cases will be tried this court. John Jarrett, who has had two hung juries, answered ready for the killing of Buck Padgett and his jury was secured with little trouble Monday afternoon. Pate Langford, who with his brother, Elza, shot ex-Jailer King, from the effects of which he died, is ill in jail and may not be able to go through his trial. There were 20 prisoners in jail Monday night.

The visiting attorneys at court so far are Hon. Fontaine Fox Bobbitt, and Messrs. W. A. Morrow and Calhoun. The latter lawyer is from Lexington. Mr. C. C. Williams is in every case of importance and has his hands full.

The two patent medicine men did a land office business and the way the people spent their hard-earned money with the fakirs was a caution. The slick-tongued scamps made them think prosperity had come with a vengeance and that their medicine would make them live the longer to enjoy it.

This is commencement week in Mt. Vernon and a big time in many ways with the young people. The pretty little play "Cricket on the Hearth" will be presented Friday night by a number of the college students; there will be a party or so and the beaux and belles will have a good time generally.

With the exception of W. A. B. Davis' new store and an additional residence or two, there have been very few changes in "the old town" since I was there in September. She is not on a boom like Livingston, but is holding her own, which is doing well, times considered. By the way, the Livingston people are so high up since they have gotten the dispatcher's office and so on that they actually made the courthouse moved to that place. The change will hardly be made this Spring, however.

The political situation in Rockcastle is all that the democrats could wish. There is no opposition to Gov. McCreary for the nomination for Congress and many republicans will vote for him in November. I predict that in five years that county will be in the democratic column to stay. Certainly it will, if Mr. Davidson is put up by the republicans. His distribution of pie has not been at all satisfactory, as he will be made aware of in November next.

Preparations are already being made for the Brodhead fair, which will be held Aug. 17, 18 and 19. Secretary A. E. Albright thinks the exhibition this year will eclipse all previous efforts. The purses and premiums will be far more liberal than heretofore.

Mrs. Harriett Orm, of Brodhead, who is 92 years old, is a remarkably well preserved woman. She does her own housework, walks with as firm a step as most of women 50 years her junior and reads readily without her spectacles. She used glasses until several years ago, but on one occasion could not find them and tried to read without them. To her surprise and joy she found that her sight had been restored. She is fond of daily papers and keeps well posted on subjects pertaining to the present war. Mrs. Orm taught school at Walnut Flat a number of years ago.

Some cowardly enemy poisoned four calves belonging to J. M. Crawford, of the Brodhead section, a few nights ago. He thinks he knows the guilty party and when the evidence is clinched he will make it warm for him. Mr. Crawford refused \$75 for the calves a short while before.

It is surprising to see what a large amount of business is transacted at Brodhead. The half dozen or more stores there do a rushing business and if they are not making money I don't know why. Two of them had enough confidence in me to send deposits to the Stanford banks by me, the aggregate amounting to over \$1,000. Had I known the amount before the banker got his

hands on it I might have been where Rev. G. W. Bolling insists that "Honest" Dick Tate is, "Canada." Mr. J. H. Hilton, who moved from Lincoln several months ago, is one of Brodhead's staunch citizens and merchants, and like the rest of the latter is making money. E. C. W.

## MT. VERNON.

John Lair, son of Mr. Toke Lair, of Livingston, fell and broke his leg the other day.

The valedictory sermon was preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday by Dr. McMillan, of Richmond. Large crowds attend court daily. Judge Morrow looks unusually well and is striving to clear the large docket this court.

Supt. W. A. B. Davis held the teacher's examination Friday and Saturday. A large number attended. Profs. Martin and Dickerson were the examiners.

Mrs. James Maret, Misses Mattie and Lena Newcomb and Mr. Will Newcomb visited their uncle, Mr. William Newcomb, last Sunday at his home near Brush creek, it being his 80th birthday.

Mr. W. A. Morrow and his handsome wife are stopping at the Miller House. Mr. Morrow is one of the most eloquent orators at the Kentucky bar. He received his diploma to practice law at the early age of 19 years and has since rapidly risen in his profession.

Bro. Ira M. Boswell filled his regular appointment here Sunday. He will conduct a protracted meeting at Livingston, beginning Monday night. He has also accepted an invitation to address the "sons and daughters of the Confederacy" at Nicholasville on the evening of June 4th.

Mr. Welch, of Fleming county, arrived Tuesday to visit his son, Robert, whose wound is healing rapidly. The W. C. T. U. will meet with Miss Sallie Carmichael next Saturday afternoon. Miss Gracie McCall, of Maysburg, is the guest of Miss Julia Colyer. Prof. and Mrs. Dickerson visited friends here this week.

Miss Lena Herron, a little beauty of Livingston, is visiting Miss Emma Pennington. Mrs. John Fish tells us that three of her brothers, the Messrs. Arthur, have joined the army. Mrs. Maggie Thompson, of Louisville, is the guest of Mrs. M. Fish. Misses Mattie Newcomb, Lena and Bessie McClure will attend the closing exercises of Caldwell Seminary, Danville.

The Collegiate Institute closed with interesting exercises. On Monday evening a Japanese drill and other exercises by the juveniles were listened to by a large audience. On Tuesday evening, "Cricket on the Hearth," a play given by the students, was rendered. The graduating class received diplomas Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Seroggs have been given the school for next year.

While attending the W. C. T. U. convention at Lancaster we had the pleasure of meeting many friends of former days. The court-house square did not present as pleasing an appearance as of yore, one side still showing the devastating effects of fire. The beautiful fields covered with blue-grass surrounding Lancaster and the charming homes with well-kept lawns have left a pleasant impression that time can not erase. Being the guest of Mrs. Margaret Gill, we can most cordially attest the hospitality of Lancaster's citizens. We also had the pleasure of meeting in their homes Miss Amanda Anderson, a famous teacher of Garrard county, Mrs. Welsiger and her excellent mother, Mrs. Kinnaird, and Mrs. Robert Elkin in her beautiful country home. At the latter place we had the opportunity of gaining an insight into one of the important industries of the county, i. e. poultry raising. Mr. Robert Elkin makes a specialty of raising Black Minorcas, of which he has 500 now on hand. He uses the incubator for hatching the chicks, taking off from 150 to 160 at a hatching. This breed is considered very fine for layers, the eggs weighing heavier than those of ordinary fowls and one hen laying from 20 to 24 eggs per month. We also visited a former school-mate, Mrs. Tom Miller, in her pleasant country home, where many remembrances of happy school days were recalled and expatiated upon. On Saturday we returned, spending a pleasant hour while waiting for the train with our friend, Mrs. Dr. E. J. Brown, of Stanford.

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COL. W. F. SHERIDAN, Chief Train Dispatcher of the L. & N., who recently left Stanford, after a sojourn of seven years, for the new office at Livingston, born at Newark, O., 32 years ago. At an early age he showed a fondness for railroad work and soon became an expert operator, climbing gradually up till reaching his present high and most responsible position. He is destined to go still further up the ladder of promotion and it wouldn't surprise his friends to see him superintendent before long. Col. Sheridan is a relative of the noted Federal general, Phil Sheridan, and like him has great energy and vim. During his stay here he made friends of every body and every man, woman and child regret that the mutability of railroad affairs takes him from among us. He says that Stanford is still his home and that he is going to claim it as such till he goes to a better one above. The picture given, which is an excellent one, would have been printed along with the notice of a large and enjoyable entertainment that Col. Sheridan gave here before his departure, but it was unavoidably delayed. It will serve now as a reminder of that joyful occasion and be prized as a souvenir of the big hearted and clever gentleman who is never so happy as when making others happy.

## LANCASTER.

Responding to the call for 75,000 additional volunteers, Capt. Ed Bishop will begin today the enlistment of another company of men from Garrard and adjoining counties. If Capt. Bishop is successful in raising a company composed of as gallant men as have just gone from this section, and they will combine the two forces and turn them loose on Cuban soil, they will soon determine the question of "Free Cuba," and avenge the Maine for good count.

I learn, through M. D. Hughes, that his brother, T. V. Hughes, whose remains were buried near Stanford on Tuesday, died at Hot Springs, Ark., on last Sunday and requested that his body be brought home for interment. He had been an invalid for many years but, by leasing a Magnesia spring and selling the water, had saved enough to care for himself during his long illness and send his remains home. He made many friends in Arkansas, as he had done wherever he was known.

James Layton, the stock buyer of Cincinnati, is here this week. Misses Frances Collier and Caroline Curry accompanied the 2d regiment to Chickamauga. Uncle Dave Arnold, of Nicholasville, is visiting his son, W. A. Arnold. James Dillon and John Stone are attending the G. A. R. encampment at Bowling Green. Mr. George Smith, after a week's stay with his family, has returned to Monticello. E. W. Morrow, Capt. Mike Salter, John Duncan, Tom Wherritt and George Smith, Jr., went over to Junction City Wednesday to see the boys leave.

Our citizens are growing tired of the repeated allusions to that blur on Lancaster, known as "Battle Row," now being made by "A Friend" and the Hon. Fontaine Fox Bobbitt. It seems that these mud slingers could easily find scope for their war of words in their own county, without ruthlessly tearing open the old sores of sister counties. If these "wind jabbers" would follow up their respective addresses, which they give, they could no doubt reach an amicable understanding. It is sincerely hoped that in the future they will confine their warfare to their own trenches.

James I. Hamilton, while returning from Danville in company with J. T. Cecil on Tuesday night, met with a serious accident. When near Bertles, their horse was threatened with the "thumps" and Cecil got out to give him a bucket of salt water. In order to do this he slipped the bit from his mouth, when the horse reared forward, throwing Cecil loose, and ran toward town. Hamilton, who had remained in the vehicle, attempted to get out, but fell, striking on his head. He was rendered unconscious and was brought to his home and medical aid summoned. He has been suffering with concussion, but at this writing it is hoped that any serious results may be avoided.

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